



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Manfred DOMBEK

Appl. No. 09/773,490

Filed: February 2, 2001

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR MAKING AND
PROCESSING ROD-SHAPED
ARTICLES

Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

Atty. Docket No. 31512-168231 RK

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

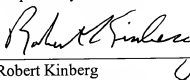
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Pursuant to the requirement for restriction in the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2002,
Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 12-28 being readable thereon. Further examination of
these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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